Committees of the Nehru Yuva Kendra receiving grants in a fraudulent manner.

(c) Does not arise.

Proper selection and training of sports-persons

4734. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the next Commonwealth Games are proposed to be held in India during 2010;

(b) if so, the details of funds earmarked and infrastructure and facilities proposed to be created for the purpose;

(c) whether India was also bidding for organizing the next Asian Games in India, but was unsuccessful;

(d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps which are proposed to be taken to ensure proper selection and training of the sports-persons in a transparent manner since the performance of Indian sports persons is on the decline?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Present estimates indicate that the expenditure on the Commonwealth Games, 2010 would be around Rs. 3566 ± Rs. 300 crores. The break-up along with purpose thereof are under:—

Rs. In crores

(i)	SAI for Sports infrastructure	Rs. 1000.00	±10%
(ii)	DDA for International Zone, etc. Games Village and Sports Infrastructure	Rs. 325.00	±25%
(iii)	Venue for Tennis (AITA)	Rs. 30.00	±15%
(iv)	Sports Infrastructure for Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008	Rs. 110.00	

(v)	OC for Conduct of the Games	Rs. 767.00	* 15%
(vi)	Preparation of Teams	Rs. 300.00	
(vii)	NCTD of Delhi for civic Infrastructure	Rs. 770.00	
(viii)	Security Through MHA	Rs. 264.00	
	Total	Rs. 3566.00 crores	
		± Rs. 300 crores	

Out of this, Government has so far sanctioned Rs. 1797 crores ± Rs. 220 crores and Planning Commission has approved Rs. 880.00 crores. Besides, Government/Planning Commission will also be providing for projects related to city infrastructure and Delhi Metro.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. It would appear from the outcome that the presentation made by the Republic of Korea (RoK) at the final stage of the Bid process in Kuwait in April, 2007 carried more weight with the Electoral College than the Indian presentation partly because the RoK delegation said they would be showcasing all of Asia at Incheon, and not just RoK alone, and because they argued that such Games are awarded to cities not countries and Delhi and earlier been the venue of two Asian Games in 1951 and 1982, whereas Incheaon had not earlier hosted the Games. As the ballot was secret and no explanation of vote was required either before or after the vote, it is not possible to categorically state the reasons for which the vote was lost but it is to be noted that Chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia anounced that the vote was decided by a "a narrow margin".

(e) The selection of sportspersons/teams is done by the National Sports Federation concerned through a well-structured Selection Committee. To ensure transparency in the selection of sportspersns/teams, Government appoint Arjuna Awardees or former International players as Observers to oversee the selection process. For enhancing the playing capabilities and medal prospects of sportspersons of India in the context of the Commonwealth Games, 2010, an amount of about Rs. 300 crore has been projected towards training, exposure, equipment and scientific back-up for these sportspersons.